

M. ROBERT MARKS

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR



Sunday, March 19, 2006

4:00 PM

Coraopolis United Methodist Church

Troop 358

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Coraopolis, PA

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Crew 306

VENTURING, BSA
Kennedy Township, PA

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St. Malachy Roman Catholic Church*

Crew 530

VENTURING, BSA
Pittsburgh, PA

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Purpose of Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth.

Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.

Scout Oath (or Promise)

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily



Purpose of Venturing

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Venturing Oath

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God
and help strengthen America, to help others,
and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure
in our world.

Venturing Code

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people. I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life. I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it. I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life. I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.



M. ROBERT MARKS

To my family and friends:

When I first joined Boy Scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout or becoming a Venturer was the furthest thing from my mind. I joined to camp and to have fun. As I was having fun, Scouting became more and more important to me. I started advancing in rank, earning awards and participating in more activities.

The best time of my life was last summer with the National Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch and the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill. These, and many other great experiences, have defined who I am today and have prepared me for who I will become.

It is my wish that Scouting will grow and that more young women and men are given the same opportunities I've been provided. I encourage all Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders and parents to take advantage of everything this organization has to offer. I encourage everyone not involved in BSA to lend their support to this great program.

Baden Powell in his last message to the Scouts said "...the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Leave this world a little better than you found it". Your presence this afternoon has given me great happiness! I hope someday to give you the same happiness and that I will leave this world a little better place.

Thank you for being here, thank you for helping with my projects and thank you for your support and encouragement.

Rob

PROGRAMME

Welcome

Amy C. Weryha, Committee Chair

Opening

Michael K. Malinoski, Senior Patrol Leader

Presentation of Colors

Steel Eagle Honor Guard
AFROTC Detachment 730, University of Pittsburgh

Lighting of Scout Candles

Adam D. A. Macino, Life Scout

Invocation

Rev. Josephine A. Whitely-Fields, Pastor CUMC

Master of Ceremonies

Christopher L. Jackson, Eagle Scout

Eagle Escort

Russell K. Coengen, Scout

Eagle Project

Patrick D. Adams, Environmental Educator—DCNR

Eagle Qualifications

Michael R. Marks, Council Member-at-Large

Congratulatory Letters

Lucille M. Olszewski, Troop Committee

Eagle Promise

Justin R. Frear, Eagle Scout

Eagle Challenge

Michael D. Erlinger, Eagle Scout

Eagle Presentation

B. Pat Scott, Scoutmaster

Presentation of Mentor Pins

The Eagle Speaks

M. Robert Marks, Eagle Scout

Closing

Ushers

Cub Scout Pack 358, Coraopolis

Eagle Display

Henry Levith, Council Historian

Dinner

All Occasion Catering

Dinner Blessing

Rev. David W. Robinson



EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Eagle is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. It identifies a young man who is committed to the ideals of Scouting – the Boy Scout Oath and Law – and who has demonstrated a high level of proficiency in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.

Significance

The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 4 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 1 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1911.

Requirements

These are requirements that all Eagle Scout candidates must complete:

- Be active in his troop and patrol for at least six months as a Life Scout.
- Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in his everyday life.
- Earn a total of 21 merit badges, including the following:
First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science, Personal Management, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling, Camping, and Family Life.
- While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of six months in one or more position of responsibility.
- While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community.
- Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
- Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

RANK ADVANCEMENT

Arrow of Light – 2/26/2000
 Scout – 3/20/2000
 Tenderfoot – 8/28/2000
 Second Class – 3/11/2002
 First Class – 5/6/2002
 Star Scout – 5/13/2003
 Life Scout – 1/8/2004
 Eagle Scout – 11/21/2005
 Bronze Eagle Palm – 2/21/2006

MERIT BADGES

First Aid
 Cycling
 Swimming
 Lifesaving
 Citizen in the Community
 Citizenship in the Nation
 Citizenship in the World
 Communication
 Personal Fitness
 Family Life
 Personal Management
 Camping
 Environmental Science
 Emergency Preparedness (P)
 Rowing
 Canoeing
 Motorboating
 Small-boat Sailing
 Water Skiing (P)
 Fishing
 Fish & Wildlife Management
 Soil & Water Conservation
 Forestry
 Nature
 Reptile & Amphibian Study
 Mammal Study
 Basketry
 Wood Carving
 Leatherwork
 Metalworking
 Model Building (P)
 Space Exploration
 Aviation
 Railroading
 Truck & Transportation
 Oceanography
 Climbing
 Winter Sports (P)
 Orienteering
 Astronomy (P)
 Weather
 Wilderness Survival
 Indian Lore
 Engineering
 Architecture (P)
 Nuclear Science
 Chemistry
 Energy
 Geology
 Computers
 Electronics
 Radio
 Medicine
 Shotgun Shooting
 Rifle Shooting
 Archery

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Den Chief
 Senior Patrol Leader
 Troop Instructor
 Troop Guide
 Webelos Den Chief
 OA Troop/Team Representative
 Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

SCOUTING AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

OA Leadership In Service Award – 2006
Donor Awareness Patch – 2005
World Conservation Award – 2005
50-Miler Award – 2005
BSA Lifeguard – 2005
Kayak, BSA Badge – 2005
SCUBA, BSA Badge – 2005
Venture Patrol Letter – 2004 & 2005
Venture Patrol Pins:
Survival, Orienteering, Whitewater Canoe, Bowling, Shooting Sports
Brotherhood Member Order of the Arrow – 2005
Den Chief Service Award – 2003
COPE Course Graduate – 2003 & 2005
National Camping Award: 100 days/nights camping – 2003
Emergency Preparedness Award (first in Greater Pittsburgh Council) – 2003
Recruiter – 2002
Paul Bunyan Award – 2002
Snorkeling, BSA Badge – 2002

OTHER SCOUT AWARDS

James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award – 2005
The Freedom Trail Award – 2005
DCNR Bureau of Forestry Boy Scout Forest Conservation Award – 2005
PA Fish & Boat Commission Conservation Award – 2005
The United States Heritage Award – 2004

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITIONS

Presidential Champions Award: Bronze, Silver – 2005
President's Volunteer Service Award: Bronze, Silver, Gold – 2003 & 2005

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS & PATCHES

Pope Pius XII Emblem – 2006
Third Millennium Patch – 2004
International Awareness Emblem – 2003
Duty to God Patch – 2002
Rosary Patches:
Sorrowful Mysteries – 2005
Luminous Mysteries – 2004
Joyful Mysteries – 2003

SCOUT TRAINING

The Price of Freedom Conference – 2006
C.O.P.E. / Climbing & Rappelling Instructor Training – 2005
OA National Leadership Seminar (NLS) – 2005
Safety Afloat Training – 2005
Safe Swim Defense Training – 2005
Climb on Safely Training – 2005
National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC) – 2004
OA Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) – 2004
Junior Leader Training Conference – 2003
Trek Safely Training – 2003
Troop Junior Leader Training – 2002
Den Chief Training – 2001
Totin' Chip & Firem'n Chit – 2000

MAJOR EVENTS

185 Days & Nights of Camping
Nine Weeks Summer Camp Heritage Reservation – 2000 to 2005
National Scout Jamboree – 2005
90th Anniversary – Order of the Arrow at Treasure Island – 2005
Philmont OA Trail Crew (OATC-0629) – 2005
OA Conclave Section NE-4B – 2005
National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (Philmont) – 2004
National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) – 2004
Bicycle trip along the C&O Canal – 2003
100th Anniversary of Flight Camporee Wright Patterson AFB – 2003
Greater Pittsburgh Council Advancement Camp – 2002 & 2003
Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) – 2001 & 2002
National Scout Jamboree – 2001

PROGRAMME

Welcome

Anthony T. Rosenberger, Committee Chair

Opening

Michael S. Quinn, Program Vice-President

Invocation

Rev. Michael J. Maranowski, Pastor St. Malachy Catholic Church

Mistress of Ceremonies

Sara E. Whitfield, Silver Award

Venturing Escorts

Jennifer J. Jackson, Administrative Vice-President
Heather M. Daniel, Venturer

Silver Award Presentation

Timothy R. Jackson, Crew Advisor
Lucille M. Olszewski, Crew Committee

Ranger Award Presentation

Robert J. Matuska, VOA Advisor
Ian A. Rosenberger, Former Venturer

Congratulatory Letters

Gail E. Jackson, Associate Advisor

Special Presentations

Alan Smith, Representing Congressman Mike Doyle
Cletus J. McConville, Jr., Former VOA Advisor

The Venturer Speaks

M. Robert Marks, Silver Award & Ranger Award

Benediction

Rev. Daniel W. Whalen, Administrator Guardian Angels Parish

Photographer

Kenneth J. Kucel

Videographer

Curtis C. Olszewski

Decorations

Gail E. Jackson

Music

Dr. Jeff Wentz

Cake

Creations by Carlini

Service

Members, Leaders & Parents of Troop 358

Set-up

Members, Leaders & Parents of Crew 306

MEMBERSHIP VENTURING CREWS

306 Kennedy Township
530 Greater Pittsburgh Council
66 Buckeye Council
1000 Penn's Woods Council

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

President Crew 306
Program Vice President Crew 306
Frontier District President VOA
Chairman, Orienteering Day
Chairman, Climb On to Save Lives

AWARDS

Bronze Award-Outdoor – 6/19/05
Gold Award – 1/10/06
Silver Award – 2/1/06
Ranger Award – 1/8/06

VENTURING TRAINING

Ethics Forum & Ethics Controversies – 2005 & 2006
Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC) – 2006
Venturing Officer Leader Training (VOLT) – 2003 & 2005
RangerQuest – 2005

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Venture Outdoors Wilderness Survival Training – 2004
Dale Carnegie Course – 2004
WPFI Naturalist Training – 2004
WPFI Leave No Trace Workshop – 2004
WPFI Outdoor Leadership Workshop – 2003

CERTIFICATIONS

Wilderness First Aid
CPR & Standard First Aid
Hunter-Trapper Education Certificate
Boating Safety Education Certificate
Ham Radio Operator - Technician

FUTURE SCOUTING PLANS

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida SeaBase) – 2006
OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier) – 2006
Venturing SuperActivity – 2006
National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) – 2006
Kodiak & Kodiak X Training (Philmont) – 2006

World Scout Jamboree – 2007

William T. Hornaday Award – *In Progress*



VENTURING SILVER AWARD

The Silver Award is the highest award in Venturing. It identifies a young adult as a Venturer who has direction in his life, knows how to plan and accomplish goals, is skilled, lives by the Venturing Oath, is a leader and is willing to serve others.

Purpose

The Venturing Silver Award is available to all youth Venturing members of the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose of the Venturing Silver Award is to:

- ◆ Provide a pathway for personal development.
- ◆ Encourage Venturers to learn, grow, and serve.
- ◆ Recognize the high level of achievement of Venturers who acquire Venturing skills.
- ◆ Identify trained and highly motivated Venturers who will be a training, leadership, and program resource for other Venturers, Scouts, organizations, and the community.

Requirements

These are requirements that all Venturing Silver Award candidates must complete:

- ◆ Earn one Venturing Bronze Award.
- ◆ Earn the Venturing Gold Award, which includes knowing and living the Venturing Oath, service, personal development, and 12 months' tenure.
- ◆ Be proficient in emergency preparedness, including earning Standard First Aid and CPR certification, and knowing and using BSA Safe Swim Defense.
- ◆ Demonstrate leadership, including successfully completing the Venturing Leadership Skills Course.
- ◆ Participate in the Ethics in Action program, including Ethical Controversies activities and an Ethics Forum.
- ◆ Show a crew review committee they have met the requirements for the Venturing Silver Award.



VENTURING RANGER AWARD

The Ranger Award exemplifies a challenging high-level outdoor/high-adventure skills advancement program. Once earned, it will identify a Ranger as an elite outdoorsman who is skilled at a variety of outdoor sports and interests, trained in outdoor safety, and ready to lead or assist others in activities. Rangers can be a great program asset to Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and others.

Purpose

High adventure and the outdoors have always been of interest to young Americans as well as an important part of the BSA program. Because of the attraction of high adventure, the Ranger Award is available to Venturing youth members of the Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of the award is to encourage Venturers to achieve a high level of outdoor skills proficiency; recognize achievement of this high level of outdoor skills proficiency; provide a path for outdoor/high-adventure skills training; and establish Rangers as a highly trained leadership resource for crews, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the community.

Requirements

Ranger candidates must complete eight challenging core requirements: First Aid, Wilderness Survival, Emergency Preparedness, Communications, and four of 18 challenging electives.

Venturers who have received the Outdoor Bronze Award need complete only four more of the core requirements and two more electives to qualify for the Ranger Award.

Ranger candidates may work on their own or with other Venturers. A crew may also work together. Candidates may work with outside consultants such as scuba diving instructors. No crew review is required.



THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

GOLD MEDAL

The Award

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all 14 to 23-year-olds. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

Gold Medal earners are invited to come to Washington, D.C., to receive their Award in an annual ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

Requirements

The program requirements are:

- 400 hours Voluntary Public Service
- 200 hours Personal Development
- 200 hours Physical Fitness
- 4 overnights Expedition/Exploration
- Minimum 800 total hours
- Minimum time to earn the award—24 months



VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD

COUNCIL LEVEL

The Award

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas/regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath.

Qualifications

The qualifications for nomination are:

- Be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year.
- Hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, council, area, regional, or national level (as appropriate for the level of award presented) .
- Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers on the level appropriate for the award.